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SUBJECT: Research on Africa

Stick: I don't think we ought to do this out at meeting but... I think objective is not just to expect res. for own use to interfere with US. Britain, Fr, & Belgium efforts... prevent our use of arms, and keep 'morning' time, effort bogged down -

c. Commodity flow -- detailed data on kind and volume, ports, costs, physical basis, trends and implications.

d. Information on Soviet techniques of politico-economic penetration.

3. Purpose of the geographic data collection, evaluation, and analysis that is needed:

a. To develop intelligence that will aid the U.S. in countering Soviet penetration. The Soviet objective is to exploit the continent's resources, trade, and manpower; to subvert the uneducated masses ^{as well as}. A guideline to effective action is provided by the list of what we now need to meet requirements on China, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East. To this must be added those data which are necessary to fulfill requirements for intelligence support of U.S. penetration and the prohibition of Soviet success. Commodity study provides a direct route to determination of Soviet intentions, ^{is so far being inadequately} done by current reporters and OIR research; because of the massiveness of the African scene, would have to focus on the most fruitful sectors.

b. To support requirements for U/W, E&E and similar studies; involves some reconsideration of strategic concepts -- North Africa as a redoubt area, context and techniques of U/W.

Results inadequate for our specialized use, but responsibilities are assigned and work is being done. Could not we accomplish something through (Assuming we are not going to cover the Continent with our own reporters who write with desired slant)

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4. Part of the data problem is caused by the fact that policy and operations vis-a-vis Africa have not yet themselves matured. Requirements are not crystallized sufficiently to stimulate adequate funding of research or even effective use of data that are available. An additional problem is the size of Africa. We undertake ^{regional} research on a continent with tools which

normally are applied to a country. *The interrelationships of continental, regional and country problems has not yet been stated clearly enough for basic*

5. The group concluded that a reorganization of the internal geographic effort is the suitable approach to the Africa problem. External research would provide some gain, but its capabilities are inadequate and its techniques improper for the sophisticated result desired. The MIS is inappropriate as a vehicle because of its country approach.

6. D/GG will determine what internal reorganization will best accomplish the desired increase of emphasis on Africa. No over-all personnel increases can be anticipated.

7. Chief/G will review the problem further as it relates to programs in other divisions.

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